

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 5, 1979.

Brendan O'Brien

Mr. Treasurer --

It is my pleasant duty to ask you to bestow upon Brendan O'Brien the highest honour The Law Society of Upper Canada has to give.

His outstanding effectiveness as an advocate rests not only upon his ability to discern and evaluate the main point upon which complex issues turn but also on his skill in helping others to see it in proper perspective and to appreciate its importance. His balanced wisdom has been increased by a critical study of history, particularly Canadian, and enriched by the pursuit of broad and varied interests. He has used his professional talents unstintingly in service to the public through over forty-five years of practice. During the past twenty years as a Bencher of the Society he has been called upon to guide the progress of many committees engaged on work of wide importance and as Treasurer to give reliable leadership to the elected governors of the legal profession in Ontario. He has thus made significant contributions to the continued independence of the Bar upon which rests the independence of the Judiciary and ultimately the freedom of the people.

I request you, Sir, to confer upon Brendan O'Brien the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.